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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application for:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PRE-COMPUTING AND
USING MULTIPLE
PLACEMENT COST
ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY
THE QUALITY OF A
PLACEMENT
CONFIGURATION WITHIN A
PARTITIONED REGION

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 06/29/2004, please amend the patent application as

follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.